

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this patent application. By this response, claims 28 and 29 have been withdrawn from further consideration.

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the June 26, 2006 Office Action, Applicants restrict examination to the following claims in this patent application: claims 1-27 and 30-33.

Election

In response to the election requirement set forth in the November 1, 2005 Office Action, Applicant elects invention "I", Claims 1-27 and 30-33 drawn to a fracture repair system, classified in class 606, subclass 69, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-27 and 30-33 are readable on this invention.

Claim Pending in Patent Application But Not Included in Restriction

Applicants respectfully request that claims 28 and 29 be withdrawn from further consideration. However, Applicants are retaining these claims in this patent application pending a decision regarding the filing of a divisional patent application.

Conclusion

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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